
**Select Committee on
Environmental Health**

SB 5142

Brief Description: Modifying the disbursement of funds by air pollution control agencies.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser and Swecker.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows disbursement of monies collected for an air pollution control authority through warrants drawn by the authority or the designated county auditor.

Hearing Date: 3/20/07

Staff: Brad Avy (786-7289).

Background:

Local air pollution control authorities (authorities) are established by the Washington Clean Air Act. Authorities are responsible for carrying out specified duties and powers relating to air quality. Each county has an authority created within it; however, some county authorities are inactive. Counties with inactive authorities are served by the Department of Ecology. Seven multi-county authorities have been formed by county boards of commissioners by combining a county authority with one or more adjacent county authorities. Each authority is governed by a Board of Directors (Board).

The treasurer of each component city, town, or county within an authority must create a separate fund for monies collected for the activated authorities. These monies must be forwarded to the treasurer of the county designated by the Board. The designated treasurer must establish and maintain these funds as authorized by the Board. Money must be disbursed upon warrants drawn by a board-designated county auditor. The respective county must be reimbursed for the services rendered by their treasurer and auditor.

Summary of Bill:

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Monies collected for an air pollution control authority may be disbursed upon warrants drawn by an authority or designated county auditor.

If an authority chooses to use a county auditor for the disbursement of funds, the Board must reimburse the county for services performed by the auditor.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.